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Iowa Workforce Development Recommendations to the Job Training Needs Study Committee

Iowa Workforce Development respectfully submits the following recommendations to the Job Training Needs Study Committee.

At the state level, Iowa Workforce Development recommends:

- Continuing support for the Unemployment Insurance Training Extension Benefits program;
- Increasing support/funding for the National Career Readiness Certificate;
- Continuing support for Iowa Workforce Development's effort to collocate with its partners;
- Continuing support for Iowa Workforce Development's effort to *integrate* its service delivery;
- Encouraging and increasing support/funding for integrating adult basic education/English as a second language programs with professional/technical education programs, which will concurrently provide students with literacy education and workforce skills;
- Increasing access for Iowans to basic digital literacy programs;
- Creating a specific source of funding for short-term training programs, which are currently ineligible for Pell Grants;
- Increasing promotion and use of Apprenticeship Training;
- Continuing support for the Iowa Workforce Development Ex-Offender Reentry Program; and,
- Supporting job creation efforts throughout the state.

At the federal level, Iowa Workforce Development recommends:

- Continuing funding for the successful Summer Youth Employment Program that was supported by one-time funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and has been expended;
- Ongoing funding for Reemployment Services that was supported by one-time funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act;
- Increasing flexibility in Pell Grants to include eligibility for short-term training programs; and

- Increasing flexibility in Pell Grants to include the eligibility of incarcerated individuals.